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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2002, Applicants hereby request reconsideration, in view of the following remarks:

Remarks

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 10, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stern et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,962,759) in view of Leung (U.S. Patent No. D447,243). Leung was filed on August 25, 2000 and issued on August 28, 2001. Applicants have submitted herewith a declaration and exhibit under 35 U.S.C. § 1.131 signed by the applicants/inventors Roman S. Ferber, and Stephen Chung to antedate Leung et al. (Tab A.) In the declaration, Messrs. Ferber and Chung state that the invention was reduced to practice prior to August 25, 2000. Exhibit A of the declaration supports Messrs. Ferber and Chung's declaration. In particular, Exhibit A shows that the invention was reduced to practice prior to the critical date.

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